## <u>REMARKS</u>

In the Examiner's Office Action dated April 20, 2004, the Examiner entered a final rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,337,971 B1 to Abts. Even though applicants believe that the claims are allowable as written, applicants have amended the claims as set forth above to clarify the invention for the Examiner and expedite this matter. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended to recite a single wireless RUI. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been further amended to recite the step of directly transmitting telemetry.

Applicants' attorney conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner on May 13, 2004. During that interview, the Examiner indicated that the proposed changes overcome the prior art of record. The Examiner also indicated that such changes would require further consideration of the prior art. Accordingly, applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$770.00.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants assert that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this amendment and allowance of the claims.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, please consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 502093.

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Respectfully submitted,

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